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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Proposed Project: Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Final Rule, 42 CFR Part 51 (OMB No. 0930-0172) – Extension

These regulations meet the directive under 42 U.S.C. 10826 (b) requiring the Secretary to promulgate final regulations to carry out the PAIMI Act. The regulations contain information collection requirements. The Act authorizes funds to support activities on behalf of individuals with significant (severe) mental illness (adults) or significant (severe) emotional impairment (children/youth) as defined by 42 U.S.C. 10802 (4) and 10804 (d). Only entities designated by the governor of each State, including American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and the tribal councils for the American Indian Consortium (the Hopi and Navajo Nations in the Four Corners region of the Southwest), to protect and advocate the rights of persons with developmental disabilities are eligible to receive PAIMI Program grants [the Act at 42 U.S.C. at 10802 (2)]. These grants are based on a formula prescribed by the Secretary [42 U.S.C. at 10822 (a) (1) (A)].

On January 1, each eligible state protection and advocacy (P&A) system is required to prepare a report that describes its activities, accomplishments, and expenditures to protect the rights of individuals with mental illness supported with payments from PAIMI Program allotments during the most recently completed fiscal year. The PAIMI Act at 42 U.S.C. 10824 (a) requires that each P&A system transmit a copy of its annual report to the Secretary (via SAMHSA/CMHS) and to the State Mental Health Agency where the system is located. These annual PAIMI Program Performance Reports (PPR) to the Secretary must include the following information:

- The number of (PAIMI-eligible) individuals with mental illness served;
- A description of the types of activities undertaken;

- A description of the types of facilities providing care or treatment to which such activities are undertaken;
- A description of the manner in which the activities are initiated;
- A description of the accomplishments resulting from such activities;
- A description of systems to protect and advocate the rights of individuals with mental illness supported with payments from PAIMI Program allotments;
- A description of activities conducted by States to protect and advocate such rights;
- A description of mechanisms established by residential facilities for individuals with mental illness to protect such rights; and,
- A description of the coordination among such systems, activities and mechanisms;
- Specification of the number of public and nonprofit P&A systems established with PAIMI Program allotments;
- Recommendations for activities and services to improve the protection and advocacy of the rights of individuals with mental illness and a description of the need for such activities and services that were not met by the State P&A systems established under the PAIMI Act due to resource or annual program priority limitations.

The PAIMI Rules [42 CFR part 51] mandate that each State P&A system may place restrictions on either its case or client acceptance criteria developed as part of its annual PAIMI priorities. Each P&A system is required to inform prospective clients of any such restrictions when they request a service [42 CFR 51.32 (b)].

The PAIMI PPR summary must include a separate section, prepared by the PAIMI Advisory Council (PAC), that describes the council's activities and its assessment of the State P&A system's operations [PAIMI Act at 42 U.S.C. 10805 (7)].

The burden estimate for the annual State P&A system reporting requirements for these regulations is as follows.

42 CFR Citation	Number of Respondents	Responses per Respondent	Burden per Response (Hrs.)	Total Annual Burden
51.8 (a) (2) Program Performance Report	57	1	26.0	1,482
51.8 (a) (8) Advisory Council Report	57	1	10.0	¹570
51.10 Remedial Actions: Corrective Action Plans Implementation Status Report	7 7	1 3	8.0 2.0	56 42
51.23 (c) Reports, materials and fiscal data provided to the PAC	57	1	1.0	57
51.25 (b) (2) Grievance Procedures	57	1	.5	29
TOTAL	126	8	47.5	184

¹ Burden hours associated with these reports are approved under OMB Control No. 0930-0169.

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summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov. Written comments should be received by [INSERT DATE 60DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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